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**EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS FOR
DISTRIBUTING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL
INVOLVING MINORS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOHN D. WINCHESTER, 20, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to five years imprisonment Friday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to distribution of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

WINCHESTER pleaded guilty to the offense on November 12, 2004. According to the facts presented in court at the time of the guilty plea, WINCHESTER communicated with an undercover law enforcement officer over the internet and sent that officer images depicting

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pre-pubescent boys engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The images were sent as attachments to e-mails from a computer WINCHESTER operated inside his Evansville residence in June of 2003.

WINCHESTER was sentenced under the Protect Act which became effective on April 30, 2003. The Protect Act mandates that all persons convicted of distribution of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors serve a term of imprisonment of not less than five years.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed five years of supervised release following WINCHESTER's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, WINCHESTER is prohibited from unsupervised contact with minors and from possessing a computer or pornography. He also must participate in a sex offender treatment program and register as a sex offender.

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